Existing Mines in the State of Gujarat	
Mineral	Number of Mines
Lignite	2
Bauxite	81
Agate	1
Chalk	113
Clay (others)	2
Dolomite	29
Fireclay	29
Fluorite (graded)	1
Gypsum	3
Kaolin (total)	41
Laterite	1
Limestone	102
Ochre	2
Perlite	1
Quartz	7
Silica Sand	18
Steatite	2
Vermiculite	1
Total:	436

National Centre for Ocean information Hyderabad

320. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for setting up of a Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services at Hyderabad is under consideration;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the project and the stipulated time within which the project is to be completed; and

(c) what is the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The Department of Ocean Development have established Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh as an

autonomous body in Feb. 1999. The estimated cost of the project in the 9th Plan period is Rs. 25.13 crores and the Centre is likely to continue in the next plan period.

(c) At present, the Centre is operating from the campus of National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA), Hyderabad and minimal technical and administrative support is drawn from NRSA. Action is being taken to set up infrastructure and recruit manpower for the centre. From October, 2000, INCOIS provides information on potential fishery Zone in the form of Charts and Text, every Tuesday and Friday to the Marine Fishing Community. This information is made available by FAX to 115 designated Government and non-Government organisations in the Maritime States and Islands who is turn pass it to the Fishing Community. The feed back received from the fishermen has indicated that the catch in the potential fishing zone areas is about twice higher.

Task Force for investment flow in the Railways

321. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to plan flow of investment from non-traditional sources of revenue, a Task Force was set up;

(b) if so, the details of their recommendations;

(c) whether Empowered Committees were formed to expedite issue of guidelines; and

(d) the details of the guidelines issued to Zonal Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. In order to plan flow of investment from non-traditional sources of revenue, a Task Force comprising senior Railway Officers and representatives from FICCI, CII and ASSOCHAM was set up to undertake an in-depth study of various issues. The Task Force has recommended generating revenues from non-traditional sources like commercial utilization of land and air space, Own Your Wagon